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June 2026

WAI2027 Scholarships Open Today!

The 2027 Women in Aviation International (WAI) scholarship program is officially open, and members can review dozens of scholarships at www.wai.org/scholarships.

Currently, there are over 50 scholarships valued at more than \$200,000 offered for flight training, engineering, maintenance, drones, and career advancement for individuals in all stages of life. This 2027 scholarship cycle includes two Harvard Emerging Leaders professional development courses—on campus in May 2027 and online in June 2027.

There are many NEW scholarships to further members' learning in flight training, space engineering, and aircraft maintenance. Be sure to check back frequently as we'll be adding new scholarships often. Remember, you may apply for up to three scholarships per year. To qualify for a WAI2027 scholarship, the applicant must be a current WAI member through March 30, 2027, or join as a new member by August 30, 2026.

Did you know that WAI has awarded more than \$17 million in scholarships since 1995?

Recipients will be awarded during the 38th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Savannah, Georgia, from February 25-27, 2027. Applications must be submitted to WAI by 11:59 p.m. EDT September 1, 2026, and winners will be notified by December 15, 2026. Details of each scholarship, application requirements, FAQs, plus tips for submitting a winning application can be found at www.wai.org/scholarships.

[Apply for WAI2027 Scholarships](#)

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[Send Birthday Wishes for WASP Mickey Bright's 105th Birthday!](#)

As part of this year's #HonorTheWASP tributes, WAI members and friends visited the final resting places of a remarkable group of trailblazers—the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2026. Now in its ninth year, [the Honor The WASP initiative](#) helps preserve the legacy of the more than 1,000 women who served our country as military pilots during World War II.

[The last living WASP, Mickey Bright](#), will celebrate her 105th birthday on June 20, 2026. The WAI Great Lakes Chapter is helping to make the occasion special by organizing a birthday card campaign in her honor. Let's wish Mickey a Happy 105th Birthday!

Cards are being accepted by the family now (prior to June 20), please send to:

**Neil (Mickey) Stevenson Bright
Legacy Village of Sugar House
1212 E. Wilmington Avenue, Apt. 607
Salt Lake City, UT 84106-4098**

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Wish WASP Mickey Bright Happy 105th Birthday

[Find WASP gravesites here](#)

Harvard Class of 2026 Complete On Campus Emerging Leaders Program

Congratulations to the WAI Harvard Emerging Leaders Class of 2026 with 30 members receiving scholarships to attend an on-campus three-day professional development program last month hosted by WAI and conducted by Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education. This year in addition to the May 12-14 on campus program in Cambridge, Massachusetts, two additional online classes will be held June 2-4 and November 4-6.

Harvard Women in Leadership 2027 scholarship applications will open June 1, 2026.

Congratulations to all the recipients! #ScholarshipsChangeLives

Women in Leadership: A Program for Emerging Leaders for Women in Aviation International

with Jill A. Slye, Diana Buttu & Pamela Rucker on May 12-14 & June 18th, 2026



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Harvard Emerging Leaders 2026 Cohort

Welcome New Official WAI Chapter!

We welcome the new WAI Thailand Chapter! Well done!



Buy Your Oshkosh Connect Breakfast Tickets!

Honoring a longtime EAA AirVenture Oshkosh tradition, WAI will host the 30th Annual WAI Connect Breakfast, sponsored by Avemco and supported by Strategic Partners Amazon, American Airlines, and United, on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 8 a.m., during #OSH26 July 20-26.

admission gate on the opposite side of Forest Home Avenue behind the white house. Visit with WAI members and friends for this WomenVenture 2026 kickoff event that includes great food, speakers, and networking!

[Tickets are \\$25 for advance registration](#) and \$30 onsite.

After July 20, tickets will only be available onsite for purchase for \$30 at the WAI Booth in the southeast corner of Exhibit Hangar B.

Buy Connect Breakfast Tickets



Time to Register Your GIAD2026 Event!

At Women in Aviation International, we believe aviation and aerospace dreams should have no barriers—and Girls in Aviation Day (GIAD) brings that belief to life.

GIAD events spark curiosity through hands-on STEM activities, static aircraft displays, and role models who show youth what's possible. Our signature pink GIAD Activity Kits, packed



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Every event helps close the industry's gender gap and strengthen tomorrow's workforce. Hosts like you make it happen.

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ED SESSION PROPOSALS

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Details and proposal form at
WAI.org/2027-call-for-presenters

How Can We Help You?

The new [WAI Help Center](#) is now available, making it easier than ever to find the information you need. You can browse by topic, explore the most popular questions, or simply type your question to receive an instant response. Whether you are looking for membership details, events, scholarships, or resources, the WAI Help Center guides you quickly to the right place. This is also Skye's new home base, bringing everything together in one convenient space to better support you.

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[Join WAI Together Monthly Virtual Meetups and Webinars](#)

We are excited to launch monthly virtual meetups for our WAI Together members, taking place every last Friday of the month at 8 a.m. and noon EDT. These one-hour sessions are an opportunity for members to connect, share, and network.

Download the free **WAI Together** app to connect with the WAI community!

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VIRTUAL MEETUPS & EVENTS

We are pleased to share these special dates:

- **March 18, 2026** – Special Video from Lynda Coffman, CEO of Women in Aviation International
- **March 27, 2026** – How to Find a Mentor and How to Be One
- **April 24, 2026** – From Student to Professional: Navigating Your First Aviation Role
- **May 29, 2026** – Wellness in Aviation: Managing Stress, Fatigue, and Work Life Balance
- **June 26, 2026** – Leadership at Every Level: You Do Not Need a Title to Lead
- **July 31, 2026** – Financial Confidence for Aviation Professionals
- **August 28, 2026** – Innovation in Aviation: *How Technology is Shaping the Future*
- **September 25, 2026** – Breaking Barriers: *Women in Non-Traditional Aviation Roles*
- **October 30, 2026** – Resilience in Aviation: *Thriving in Uncertain Operational Environments*
- **November 20, 2026** – Gratitude in Action: *Celebrating Wins and Recognizing Those Who Lift Us*
- **December 18, 2026** – Year in Review & Vision Forward: *Setting Intentions for 2027*

Speakers to be announced. Dates subject to change.

Meetups held at 8 AM & 12 PM EST

[Join WAI Together](#)

Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events.

2026

June 1-3 - PAPA Expo 2026, Las Vegas, Nevada, Westgate Resort www.AsianPilots.org

June 23-26- 49th Air Race Classic www.AirRaceClassic.org

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Lead" featuring Special Guest Karlyn Leath, charter sales & revenue manager. [Register for the 8 a.m. EDT](#) or [noon EDT session](#).

July 17- WAI Connect Reception in London (prior to the Farnbough Airshow) at the [Royal Aeronautical Society](#), 4 Hamilton Place, London, in the Handley Page Room from 4-7 p.m.

July 22- WAI Connect Breakfast in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, at the Paul H. Poberezny Conference Center (PHP tent) at 8 a.m. during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 20-26. [Purchase advance tickets \\$25 online here.](#) www.EAA.org

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